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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TAKASHI ARAI) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 10/634,860) : Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: August 6, 2003) :
For: METHOD OF STORING)
MATERIAL INTO WHICH GAS) :
SATURATES) February 1, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a status report on the above-identified application. The application was filed on August 6, 2003. To date, no Official Action has been received for this application. In fact, from the review of the information on the PAIR system, it appears that this case is yet to be assigned to an Examiner.

Since the application was filed about eighteen months ago, the Patent and Trademark Office is requested promptly to indicate to the undersigned when this case is expected to be assigned to an Examiner and when issuance of a first Office Action can be expected.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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